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## **DETAILED ACTION**

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 21, 2005 has been entered.

2 Claims 47-91 are allowed.

## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After further reviewing and consideration the prior art references submitted by applicants in form 1449, it is found that none of the provided references teaches or discloses a compound or a dyeing composition or a process for dyeing keratin fibers comprising the compounds of the claimed formula (I), in which four nitrogen atoms are attached to a pyridine ring as claimed. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of keratin fibers dyeing formulation or in the art of organic synthetic compounds.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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